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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Massimo Mancuso and Rinaldo Poluzzi
Application No. : 09/087,671
Filed : May 29, 1998
For : POST-PROCESSING METHOD FOR REDUCING ARTIFACTS IN
BLOCK-CODED DIGITAL IMAGES, AND POST-PROCESSING
DEVICE FOR ACTUATING SUCH METHOD

Examiner : Coulter Henry, Jr.
Art Unit : 2722
Docket No. : 853063.450
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Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2000, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on May 21, 2000. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, immediately prior to "TECHNICAL FIELD" please insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/584,529, filed January 11, 1996, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,870,495 on February 9, 1999.--

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